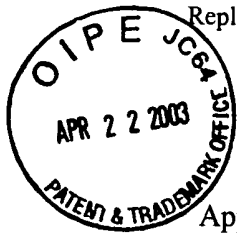


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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time, and enclose the fee of:

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in order to respond to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 for the one-month extension of time fee is enclosed.  
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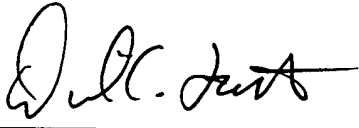
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No A-69850-1/RMS/DCF/KJC [469249-64]).

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